

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

I. RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Applicants hereby elect the following species:

- (1) SEQ ID NO:2 from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:1 and SEQ ID NO:2.
- (2) An epithelial cell of the oral mucosa from the species group consisting of an epithelial cell of the oral mucosa, a skin cell and a fibroblast.
- (3) Adeno-associated virus (AAV) from the group consisting of adeno-associated virus (AAV), retrovirus poxvirus, herpes virus, herpes simplex virus, lentivirus (HIV), Sendai virus, Epstein-Barr virus (EBV), vaccinia virus, polio virus, sindbis virus, SV40 and plasmid.

Claims 14 and 30-40 are readable thereon.

II. CLAIM STATUS AND AMENDMENTS

Claims 30-40 are newly added. Support for these claims can be found in claims 14 and 18-26 as filed. Thus, no new matter has been added.

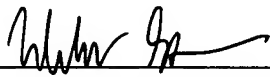
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the present application is in condition for allowance and early notice to that effect is hereby requested.

If the Examiner has any comments or proposals for expediting prosecution, please contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number below.

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